

MOTORCYCLE CRASH CLAIMS 1 SOLDIER'S LIFE – ACCIDENT

A 4th Infantry Division Soldier died in a motorcycle crash on 10 Sep 2005 at 2320 local in Killeen, TX. The 24 year-old SGT was riding his motorcycle in the left lane, attempting to pass a car. He lost control of the motorcycle, entered the oncoming traffic lane, and was struck by a car. He was transported to the hospital and died shortly after arrival. Initial reports indicate the NCO was not wearing a helmet or any other required personal protective clothing and equipment. The SGT was properly licensed and did attend a Motorcycle Safety Foundation Rider Course.

Including this accident, there were **123** Class A-C Army **Privately Owned Motorcycle and All Terrain Vehicle (ATV)** accidents from the start of FY05 to 10 September 2005, resulting in **41** Soldier deaths.

Don't let this happen in your formation. Consider these actions to help prevent motorcycle accidents:

- **Ensure Soldiers wear DOT approved helmets and personal protective equipment (IAW AR 385-55 and DODI 6055.4) when operating motorcycles and establish local policy to take appropriate punitive action when violated.**
- **Soldiers must understand the Army requirement to wear proper personal protective equipment (PPE) when operating a motorcycle.**

* Preliminary Loss Reports (PLR) are provided to leaders for awareness, trends, and TTPs. Our Army depends on you to disseminate PLRs to the lowest levels of your formation in order to help high risk troops understand the impact of decisions made on and off duty.